

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

REMEMBERING CHUCK SPANGLER

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 21, 2021

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, my thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Carl "Chuck" Spangler III, who passed away last week. Chuck was an important figure in South Carolina's manufacturing sector and a community leader. As President and CEO of the South Carolina Manufacturing Extension Partnership (SCMEP), he was instrumental in leading the organization in helping provide a range of innovative strategies and solutions. Under his leadership, SCMEP was ranked a top five center by the National Institute of Standards and Technology. South Carolina will forever be grateful to the positive impacts Chuck made creating jobs.

Throughout his career and his nearly 25 years with SCMEP, he assisted and trained thousands of manufacturers to improve their operations and financial performances.

In my capacity as Congressman, I was grateful to have known such a talented professional and genuinely good person. He will be missed. I appreciate the opportunity to include in the RECORD the following obituary for Carl "Chuck" Maynard Spangler, III:

CHUCK SPANGLER

AUGUST 15, 1963–OCTOBER 15, 2021

Carl "Chuck" Maynard Spangler, III, 58 of Hawkins Road, Greer went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Friday, October 15, 2021 at Atrium Health-Cabarrus, Concord.

Born in Cleveland County, NC on August 15, 1963, he was the son of Faye Sparks Spangler and the late Carl Maynard Spangler, Jr. Chuck was the President and CEO of SCMEP and was a member of Double Shoals Baptist Church. He was a graduate of Shelby High School where he was President of the Student Body and a 1985 graduate of NC State. Chuck was also board President for ASMC and served on several boards including the NIST MEP Leadership Team.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his high school sweetheart and wife of 37 years, Sabrina Gibson Spangler; three sons, Carl "Chip" Maynard Spangler, IV of Simpsonville, SC, Joshua Luke Spangler and wife, Taylor Laken Spangler of Mooresboro and John Michael Spangler of Greer, SC; one grandchild on the way; brother, Dr. Michael Spangler and wife, Karen of Winston-Salem and two sisters, Susan Duncan and husband, Thomas of Raleigh and Angela Anthis and husband, Stephen of Winston-Salem.

Above all, Chuck loved God, his family and his country.

An outdoor Funeral Service will be held on Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 2:00 pm at Double Shoals Baptist Church with the Dr. Brian Johnson officiating. Please bring a chair if needed.

The burial will follow the service in the Double Shoals Baptist Church Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Christians United for Israel, PO Box 1307, San Antonio, TX 78295 or to Double Shoals Baptist Church, 318 Old Mill Road, Shelby, North Carolina 28150.

A guest register is available at www.stameytsingerfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Stamey-Tysinger Funeral Home & Cremation Center, Inc., Fallston, NC.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DR. TIMUEL BLACK

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 21, 2021

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the life and legacy of an extraordinary man and international icon: civil rights activist and educator, Dr. Timuel Dixon Black, Jr.

Timuel Black was born in Birmingham, Alabama in 1918. His father was a sharecropper, and his grandparents were formerly enslaved. Black's parents moved to Chicago when he was an infant as part of the Great Migration of Black Americans moving North, seeking a better life.

Black grew up in Bronzeville, in the densely populated "Black Belt" where African Americans were confined due to Chicago's discriminatory housing laws. Black attended Burke Elementary School and DuSable High School, and was drafted into the Army in 1943, where he fought on D-Day and in the Battle of the Bulge. Black visited the Buchenwald concentration camp shortly after it was liberated and later said that the atrocities he saw there motivated him to dedicate his life towards peace and justice for all people.

Upon returning home to Chicago, Black attended Roosevelt University, where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in sociology, and continued his education at the University of Chicago, earning masters degrees in both sociology and history. Black spent several years teaching high school in Chicago, Illinois and Gary, Indiana before becoming a professor at Loop College, which was later renamed Harold Washington College.

In 1955, Black saw Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. deliver a riveting sermon on television. He was so impressed that he immediately traveled to Alabama to meet Dr. King. That initial meeting would lead Professor Black to help build support networks for Dr. King while Dr. King commuted between Chicago and Alabama. In 1960, A. Philip Randolph enlisted Black to run the Chicago division of the Negro American Labor Council, an advocacy organization that would go on to organize the landmark March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. Black helped organize the "freedom trains" that took thousands of Chicagoans to the event. More than 4,000 Chicagoans ended up attending the March on Washington. Over the course of his life, Black worked to mobilize African American voters and increase African American representation in Illinois politics. Black ran for office a number of times and consistently agitated against Chicago's machine politics. In 1963, Black ran for

alderman as part of a coalition of independent Black candidates running against "Silent Six" machine incumbents, notably saying that it was time to "end plantation politics."

In 1982, Black suggested to his childhood friend, Illinois U.S. Representative Harold Washington, that he should consider running for Mayor of Chicago. In the fight to combat rising poverty, inadequate housing, and unemployment in Chicago's African American and Latino communities, Black spearheaded an effort to support Washington's campaign by registering 263,000 new voters and raising more than \$1 million. In 1983, thanks in large part to Black's efforts, Harold Washington became Chicago's first Black mayor. In 1987, soon after Washington's death in office, Black led a successful advocacy campaign to rename Loop College in Washington's honor.

A renowned author and historian, Black wrote an acclaimed oral history on the migration of Black Americans to Chicago from the South, titled "Bridges of Memory." Later, in 2019, he published a memoir titled "Sacred Ground: The Chicago Streets of Timuel Black." For nearly his entire life, Timuel Black made the South Side of Chicago his home and Bronzeville his open classroom, where he taught and mentored future educators, community activists, and business and political leaders.

Madam Speaker, Timuel Black spent every day of his 102 years on this earth pouring his best into others.

As an educator, an activist, a civil rights leader, a confidante, an elder, and a sage, Tim gave his all to all of us.

He was at the center—the beating heart—of the Black community, the Chicago community, the national community, and the international community. Black's contributions were felt in countless historic events: Nelson Mandela's election as President of South Africa, Harold Washington's election as Mayor of Chicago, Barack Obama's election as the first Black President of the United States, Jesse Jackson's campaign for President, and Carol Moseley Braun's election as the first Black woman in the U.S. Senate, among others.

His loss is deeply felt in Chicago, in this Nation, and indeed across the entire world. My thoughts and prayers are with Tim's wife and family, and with all who loved and were impacted by this truly great man.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 21, 2021

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, I was unexpectedly withheld. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 318.

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RECOGNIZING THE LION'S CLUB
OF DILLSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA
ON ITS 90TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 21, 2021

Mr. PERRY. Madam Speaker, I'm honored to recognize the Lion's Club of Dillsburg, Pennsylvania, on its 90th Anniversary.

The Lions Club of Dillsburg was chartered by Lions Clubs International on November 7, 1931, with 21 charter members. Originally sponsored by the York Lions Club, the Dillsburg Lions later sponsored more Lions Clubs in Boiling Springs, Mt. Holly Springs, Carlisle, and York Springs. Due to the Depression, membership did not grow until about 1942, and continued to a high of 129 members in the 1980s.

The mission of all Lions Clubs is to serve, and the Dillsburg Lions have consistently served the Dillsburg and Northern York communities throughout its 90 years of service. The service often took different paths—for example, when one early success was ridding Dillsburg Borough of its rat problems. In the early 1950s, the Lions were a driving force in the design of the firehouse and provided \$3,000 to construct the Firehouse and the Community Hall, still on South Baltimore Street.

Today, membership of the Dillsburg Lions Club sits at 34 men and women who, throughout the years, have supported the District, State and International Lions projects and activities. Notably, the Dillsburg Lions have provided four zone chairpersons who oversaw 4 to 5 clubs in the area, as well as two District Governors serving all Lions Clubs in Adams, Cumberland, and York Counties.

A worldwide mission of the Lions is support of visually challenged people, as well as support of eyesight preservation. In this area, the Dillsburg Lions have assisted and spearheaded many local ventures to assist this cause, both locally and abroad. The Club pays for eye exams and eyeglasses for adults and children in need, performs vision screening in local elementary schools, donates hundreds of used eyeglasses for reuse, and donates to and works alongside organizations like Leader Dogs for the Blind, and Beacon Lodge, a special needs camp that assists the blind and visually impaired.

Not only does the Lions support efforts to assist the visually challenged, but they also donate time and money towards projects and groups to benefit Dillsburg as a whole. Over the years, the Club constructed a cabin for Dillsburg Boy Scouts Troop 38, in addition to the public pavilion in Logan Park.

The Lions also have funded, constructed, and still maintain the post messages on the square in Dillsburg. Through fundraising, they have returned between \$10,000 to \$30,000 to the community annually for the past 20 years, and used these funds to help strengthen the Dillsburg Public Library, Dillsburg Youth and High School Sports, Dillsburg Girl Scout Troops, Northern High School scholarships, New Hope Ministries, Northern York County Historical and Preservation Society, Dillsburg Community Fair Organization, York County Blind Association, Adopt-a-Highway road cleanup, Lions Hearing Research, and the

Lions Clubs International Foundation. Through these ventures and their 90 years of service, the Lions Club of Dillsburg is an integral force good in our community at large and we are grateful for all that they do.

I am honored and privileged to recognize the Lion's Club of Dillsburg, Pennsylvania, for their work to strengthen our community over the past 90 years. Their contributions are tangible legacies, as their works have made life better for the citizens of Dillsburg and the surrounding communities. We owe a lasting debt of gratitude for their selfless, tireless, and dedicated service.

JEWISH PRAYERS ON CAPITOL
HILL

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 21, 2021

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to include in the RECORD a statement from Rabbi Dr. Israel Zoberman, founder and spiritual leader of Temple Lev Tikvah in Virginia Beach, and the representative of the Jewish Community at the City of Chesapeake's civic occasions.

JEWISH PRAYERS ON CAPITAL HILL

(By Rabbi Dr. Israel Zoberman)

Howard Mortman, the author of an invaluable and unique publication entitled, "When Rabbis Bless Congress—The Great American Story of Jewish Prayers on Capitol Hill" is C-SPAN's communications director covering the U.S. Congress, and a graduate of the University of Maryland. His family belongs to Temple Rodef Shalom in Falls Church, Virginia. In his publication, Mortman concludes in a tongue in cheek style. "So, want to hear rabbis cite Moses and Scripture and Torah and Talmud and Mishnah to legislators and the public? Don't turn to Jerusalem—the Knesset does not open with prayer (although, arguably, who in the Knesset isn't a rabbi?). Instead tune into Washington, where Israel's chief rabbis can and have served as guest chaplains in Congress, just like hundreds of others."

While both the House and the Senate of the U.S. Congress have full-time clergy chaplains, there is a long-standing tradition of guest chaplains for a day which amounts to offering a brief prayer at the opening session of each chamber. Instructions are provided by both chaplains' offices for the Invocation's length, and content is submitted ahead of time. C-Span provides live coverage, and the prayer is printed in the Congressional Record—which began operating in 1873—on the day of delivery. The guest chaplain is ordinarily recommended by the clergyperson's Representative and Senator, and it is truly a memorable experience to be invited for such an honor. A certificate and photo op are included.

I have had the privilege to offer the Invocation, so far twice in each chamber, vividly recalling the accompanied solemnity with the opportunity to engage with present members of the august bodies. Most members are usually not present in person, instead watching from the screens in their offices the offered prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the session's agenda, unless there is a vote to take place on the floor. I watched from home on TV the deadly attack on Congress on January 6, 2021, with the defiled desecration of both chambers and the rest of that magnificent

and historic citadel of democracy known the world over. To witness it, though from a distance, was painfully shocking and beyond unfathomable, with alarming ramifications for American democracy and the Jewish community.

As the book's title reflects, there is much expressed pride in Jewish clergy representing a minority participating as co-equal with other religious figures in a tradition some regard as violation of constitutional church and state separation, though upheld by the Supreme Court in 1983. The book's impressive treasure trove collection of myriad fascinating and intriguing items with sprinkled humor is grouped into two parts, including nine sections. Part One: Who They Are is made up of Section I: Setting the Scene: A Congress at Pray. Section II: Who Are These Rabbis? Section III: Media Portrayal. Part Two: What They Say. Section IV: Religious Awareness. Section V: Policy and Politics. Section VI: War, Evil, Terror. Section VII: Congress Institutions. Section VIII: America the Exceptional! Section IX: Diversity: Including the Christians. Given the close proximity of the Washington Hebrew Congregation, the oldest synagogue in the capital since 1852 and chartered in 1856 by a Congressional act, it holds the record of guest chaplains. The first rabbi to offer a prayer in Congress did so on February 1, 1860. This was an important moment for the American Jewish community; historian Rabbi Dr. Bertram Korn is quoted, "In more than a theoretical sense, therefore this was the initial recognition by the House of Representatives of the equal standing of Judaism, with Christianity, as an American faith." Of note, on that historic date the House elected its first Republican Speaker, New Jersey's William Pennington, which was acknowledged in the prayer. The U.S. President then was James Buchanan.

Rabbi Edward Calisch of Congregation Beth Ahavah in Richmond, Virginia, was the first American—born rabbi to offer a prayer in the House on April 6, 1892. The iconic Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise was the first rabbi to offer a prayer in the Senate on May 21, 1870. His biennial birth was recognized with a special resolution in the Senate on April 4, 2019. Rabbi Sally Priesand of New York's Steven Wise Free Synagogue was the first woman and first female rabbi to invoke in the House on October 23, 1973. Her sponsor was the Congresswoman Bella Abzug. In the Senate, the first woman was Rev. Wilmina Roland Smith, a Presbyterian minister, on July 8, 1971. The first woman rabbi blessing the Senate was Rabbi Dena Feingold on April 20, 1994, sponsored by her brother, Democratic Senator Russ Feingold of Wisconsin.

Though the Jews only make up 2.2 percent of the American populace, 35 rabbis out of 527 House guest chaplains participated from September 2006 to September 2016. As of February 2020, 441 rabbis delivered prayers, with an average rate of 7.5 percent since WWII, and 11 percent respectively in 2018 and 2019. In Spring 2018, the number of rabbinic invocations was 613, which is symbolically significant, Mortman points out given the traditional number of Mitzvot. Conservative Rabbi Arnold Resnicoff, a former Navy chaplain and line officer during the Vietnam War, holds the record with 16 offered prayers. The C-SPAN Video Library allows access to House prayers since 1979, and to Senate prayers beginning in 1986.

The book's invaluable Index of Names highlights 347 rabbis offering Congressional prayers. Rabbi Dr. Gary P. Zola, Executive Director of the

American Jewish Archives and Professor of the American Jewish Experience at the Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati campus, offered one prayer in each chamber. He is among those at the volume's end who glowingly and justifiability endorse the book, writing "Howard Mortman's extensively researched volume is jam-packed with astonishing facts and enthralling stories. His book is likely to become the final word on this subject. Once you begin to read Mortman's captivating story of Jewish prayers on Capitol Hill, you will not want to put it down."

Rabbi Dr. Israel Zohennan is the founder and spiritual leader of Temple Lev Tikvah in Virginia Beach. He is honorary senior rabbi scholar at Eastern Shore Chapel Episcopal Church in Virginia Beach. He represents the Jewish community at civic events in the City of Chesapeake.

HONORING J.D. GROM'S SERVICE TO THE NEW DEMOCRAT COALITION

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 21, 2021

Mr. KILMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak on behalf of J.D. Grom, an exceptional staffer and someone I'm proud to have called a colleague and partner.

J.D. left Capitol Hill as the longest-serving Executive Director of the New Democrat Coalition, and I consider myself lucky that he held the role during my Chairmanship of the Coalition.

We talk a lot in the NewDems about "the future of work" and the fundamentally changing nature of our economy. Our Nation—and our world—have seen massive, disruptive economic change. I've even seen it personally. My first job was working at Westside Video in Port Angeles, Washington. As J.D. has heard me say countless times, it kind of bums me out that the words "Be Kind, Please Rewind" mean nothing to my two kids. They live in this extraordinary world of seemingly unlimited streaming video and on-demand content. That's good for them but was really disruptive if you worked at a video store. There are countless other examples. The reality is that today's kids are growing up in an economy that is globalized, interconnected and rapidly changing. That can lead to growth and prosperity, but too often leaves a swath of workers and even whole communities struggling to compete.

To J.D.'s credit, under his leadership, the NewDems kept these issues front and center. We worked closely together on issues like workforce development and lifelong learning accounts, portable benefits and placebased economic development.

J.D. never took his eye off the economic ball, and we're better for it as a Coalition. More than that, J.D. was a kind leader and a strong mentor to his staff. He's someone I could always look to as well for sound judgment and clear-eyed, strategic advice.

This Coalition has never been stronger, thanks in no small part to the service of J.D.

Grom. I wish him luck in his new role. To J.D.—as well as to his wife, Stacy, and his two kids, Emma and Jack, from whom we borrowed J.D. on many late nights and weekends—I offer my congratulations, my best wishes, and my sincere thanks for years of service.

The Force is strong with this one. We're expecting big things from J.D. ahead.

HOMETOWN HERO—RORY BABINEAUX

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 21, 2021

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Madam Speaker, it is an honor to include in the RECORD, the heartwarming story of Officer Rory Babineaux. A 16-year veteran of the Farmers Branch Police Department, Officer Babineaux was dispatched to a welfare concern call from the neighbor of an eighty-year-old resident concerned about the lady's health and safety.

When Officer Babineaux arrived on the scene to find although she was in good health, her air conditioner and plumbing were not working. Instead of passing the case off to others, he took it upon himself to contact local businesses like Right Choice Heating and Air and Metro North Plumbing, who found it in their hearts to waive all costs.

This story not only speaks volumes for the type of community Farmers Branch is, but more importantly the dedication Officer Babineaux has put into the people he has served over the last 16 years. I thank Officer Babineaux, his actions inspire me to serve TX-24 as he has.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRENDA L. LAWRENCE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 21, 2021

Mrs. LAWRENCE. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, on October 20, 2021, my vote was not recorded on the first vote of the series (Roll Call No. 319 on H.R. 4611). Had my vote been recorded, I would have voted:

YES on DHS Software Supply Chain Risk Management Act of 2021, as amended (Rep. TORRES (NY)—Homeland Security).

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 21, 2021

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I missed the vote on Roll Call No. 319 on October 20, 2021. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 319. Additionally, I missed the vote on Roll Call No. 324 on October 20, 2021. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 324.

HONORING THE WORLD WAR II, KOREAN WAR, AND VIETNAM WAR FEMALE VETERANS OF IL- LINOIS

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 21, 2021

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War Veterans who traveled to Washington, D.C. on October 6, 2021 with HerStory Honor Flight, a program that provides women World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War veterans the opportunity to visit their memorials on The National Mall in Washington, D.C. These memorials were built to honor their courage and service to their country.

The American Veteran is one of our greatest treasures. The Soldiers, Airwomen, Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardswomen who traveled here on October 6th answered our nation's call to service during one of its greatest times of need. From the European Campaign to the Pacific Asian Theatre to the African Theater, these brave Americans risked life and limb, gave service and sacrificed much, all while embodying what it is to be a hero. We owe them more gratitude than can ever be expressed.

I welcome these brave veterans to Washington and to their memorials. I am proud to include in the RECORD the names of these women for all to see, hear, and recognize, and I call on my colleagues to rise and join me in expressing gratitude.

Maria Acevedo, Celeste F. Ackermann, Jeannie L. Adams, Miljan E. Akin, Kay Ann Akins, Romaine Albrecht, Paula L. Annino, Priscilla Elaine Artz, Mary J. Arvidson, Mary Claire Baker, Vida C. Barber, Josephine Bogdanich, Nancy Bernice Boyer, Mary L. Brady, Martha L. Bray, Melody Brocato, Geraldine S. Butts, Dorothy M. Calvin, Joyce A. Campbell-Terry, Denise E. Carson, Norma J. Cella, Ervine Clay, Victoria L. Cobbett, Teresa W. Cole, Cynthia D. Collins, Marva Crandall, Emeline M. Croucher, Rochelle Crump, Amelia E. Cunningham, Rosemary Tamborello Danaher, Elizabeth Day, Gwen M. Diehl, Leasha A. Dixon, Judith A. Doran, Constance L. Edwards, Patricia L. Eidam, Debra L. Emery, Beverly A. England, Sandra L. Forsberg, Diana Gibson, Donna Ann Glielmi, Rita Lynn Gorman, Diana P. Hackbarth, Katherine O. Haile, Eileen Hands, Valorie J. Harris, Catherine A. Harvey, Margaret Mary Hayes, Kathleen Hegg, Charlotte A. Hodder, Rita G. Holmes, Connie R. Holt, Bette C. Horstman, Lane E. Knox, Jeanne M. Kowalski, Melinda C. Larson, Beverly C. Lencioni, Patti L. Lindley, Elizabeth C. Ludwig, Carol Ann Macola, Lisa A. Mattingly, Bernadette McCraven, Edith P. McDonald, Charlotte E. McGrath, Mary McLean, Karen T. Meter, Molly Miller-Bartom, Wilverlyn Joye Morris, Dana C. Morrison, Jane Moyers, Edwina C. Mroz, Virginia Narsete, Peggy M. Nuelle, Betty Lou Paps, Rochelle B. Perkins, Loretta M. Peters, Mary Roberson, Annie H. Robinson, Katie S. Ross, Kathryn J. Rutledge, Claudia Lynn Ryczkowski, Mary K. Santine, Diane M. Spurgeon, Carol Jean Stegall, Ellen F. Stevenson, Nancy L. Sumner, Barbara Thompson, Patricia A. Tiner, Alexandria Welty, Sandra White-Shelley, Barbara J. Whitman, Lorraine Williams, Thereseann Taggart Sankey.

MEDICAL MARIJUANA RESEARCH ACT

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 21, 2021

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I introduced the Medical Marijuana Research Act. This legislation would remove barriers for research into cannabis and facilitate access to an increased supply of higher quality medical grade cannabis for research purposes.

The cannabis laws in this country are broken, including our laws that govern cannabis research. Because cannabis is a Schedule I substance, researchers must jump through hoops and comply with onerous requirements just to do basic research on the medical potential of the plant.

The Medical Marijuana Research Act amends the Controlled Substances Act to establish a new, separate registration process, specific for marijuana. The bill would both streamline the often-duplicative licensure process for researchers seeking to conduct cannabis research and facilitate access to an increased supply of higher quality medical grade cannabis for research purposes.

The Medical Marijuana Research Act will ensure that research on cannabis and other potentially beneficial marijuana-derived substances is based on sound science and reduce the regulatory barriers associated with marijuana research. The legislation requires the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) to license outside of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) to ensure that there is an adequate supply of cannabis product to study. The legislation also shortens timelines, reduces unnecessary security measures, and streamlines approval for researchers.

I look forward to working with my colleagues in the House and Senate to enact this legislation and enable research into the medical impacts from using cannabis so Americans have adequate access to potentially transformative medicines and treatments.

CELEBRATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BUFFALO MEDICAL GROUP

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 21, 2021

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, today I rise in honor of Buffalo Medical Group, one of the oldest and largest physician-driven group practices in New York State. This year it will be celebrating its 75th anniversary.

Buffalo Medical Group was founded in 1946, the year after World War II ended. Inspired by the new model of group physician practice they had experienced during the war, practices in that model were resumed by the organization's visionary founders, Drs. Ramsdell Gurney, Murray S. Howland, Jr., George F. Koepf, and Frank Meyers.

The organization has flourished and now records more than 850,000 outpatient visits annually throughout its locations. Built from a 75-year-old desire to provide the best possible

health care, Buffalo Medical Group continues to provide innovative patient care today.

Buffalo Medical Group employs not only more than 200 primary care, specialist, subspecialist physicians and advanced practitioners but also over 800 other health care professionals. The organization serves the people of Western New York from a number of locations, including four main locations and seven office satellites.

Buffalo Medical Group operates in a number of medical spheres, including but not limited to family medicine, cancer care, and vascular surgery. The organization also provides a number of support services for the people of Western New York, such as physical therapy, radiation services, and pharmacy services. The organization ensures that the people of Western New York have access to a plethora of medical resources.

Madam Speaker, it is a pleasure to honor Buffalo Medical Group, an organization that has operated in and for Western New York for 75 years. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this milestone.

HONORING JAMES P. BURIK

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 21, 2021

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Naval Air Crewman 1st Class James "Jimmy" P. Burik, who died on August 31, 2021, at the age of 31.

Mr. Burik, of Salem, Virginia, was one of the five sailors that lost their lives when an MH-60S helicopter embarked aboard the aircraft carrier USS *Abraham Lincoln*, crashed into the sea off the coast of southern California. At the time of the crash, the helicopter was conducting what the Navy described as "routine flight operations."

Mr. Burik was born on May 9, 1990, to Jim and Carol Burik in Salem. He graduated from Salem High School in 2008 and from Roanoke College in 2012. He joined the Navy in 2017 and served as a rescue swimmer assigned to Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron Eight. He deployed aboard the USS *Theodore Roosevelt* for two consecutive tours before departing for the USS *Abraham Lincoln*.

Last year, Mr. Burik was honored for rescuing a man caught in a rip current off Guam's Gun Beach. Though coral reefs surround the island, and the gentleman was weak from exhaustion, Mr. Burik was still able to pull him from the current and bring him safely to shore. He was off duty at the time of the rescue and earned the Navy Commendation Medal for his selflessness and bravery.

Mr. Burik's thoughtful character far exceeded the parameters of his job. He always went out of his way to help those in need and go the extra mile that others weren't willing to do. He was a charismatic and caring man. He valued his friends and time spent with his wife and son. He was esteemed as a hero. I offer my gratitude for his work and sacrifice for our great country. His selfless service will not be forgotten.

His wife, Megan, is starting the AWS1 James Burik Foundation to continue honoring his legacy. The foundation will seek to improve financial shortcomings for Gold Star families with small children.

Mr. Burik is survived by his wife, Megan, and young son, Caulder, as well as his parents, Jim and Carol Burik, his sister, Laura, and brother-in-law, Erik Zickefoose. I offer them my condolences on their loss.

RECOGNIZING FERNDALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT DANIA BAZZI, MICHIGAN'S 2022 SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR

HON. ANDY LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 21, 2021

Mr. LEVIN of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ferndale Public Schools Superintendent Dania Bazzi, named by the Michigan Association of Superintendents and Administrators as Michigan's 2022 Superintendent of the Year.

Since joining Ferndale Public Schools in 2017, and especially during the unprecedented 2020–2021 school year, Dr. Bazzi has demonstrated exemplary dedication to students, educators and the Ferndale community at large. Under her direction, Ferndale Public Schools has received awards for equity, innovation, and leadership. Dr. Bazzi is known for placing students and education professionals at the center of every decision, and for taking a systematic approach to uplift the needs of all students. She is making a remarkable impact on the Ferndale Schools community and is a major asset to public education in Michigan.

It is gratifying to know that the hard-working and diverse Ferndale Schools community—all 3,000 students and the talented and caring education professionals who help them to "Fly High"—are in the very capable hands of Dr. Dania Bazzi. I am truly proud to have the honor of recognizing Dr. Bazzi for being named Michigan's 2022 Superintendent of the Year, and I invite my colleagues to join me in congratulating her and the entire Ferndale Public Schools community for this impressive achievement.

HONORING CALDWELL DURHAM

HON. GREGORY W. MEEKS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 21, 2021

Mr. MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I wish to dedicate some time today to commemorate the 100th birthday of Caldwell Durham. Born in Raymond, Mississippi, more than two decades before Brown v. Board of Education, there was no guarantee that Caldwell Durham (Electrical Engineer Class of 1951 at IIT) or his brothers and sisters would have access to an education. If it were not for the courage and idealism of his parents, Chaney and Curtis Durham, Caldwell might have had a very different life.

At 100, he has worked tenaciously while enjoying a successful, barrier-breaking career as an aerospace engineer. He married the love of his life, Burnette Short Durham, and together they raised three children. He has four grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews, cousins and in-laws. He stays in

touch with associates, including fellow Illinois Institute of Technology alumni Michael Hill (CS '82) and Perri Irmer (ARCH '81), colleagues, and friends, who help him stay connected to his passions on a global scale.

What's his secret? Caldwell chuckles at the thought of trying to distill a century of living into a few pithy words of advice. "Are you sure you want the whole story?" he asks.

The story begins when Caldwell was born on September 12, 1921 in Raymond, Mississippi, the seventh of eight children. As with all parents, Caldwell's wanted to give their children the best possible start in life. His mother, Chaney Durham, was determined to ensure her children had the opportunity to obtain an education.

So, Curtis and Chaney Durham bought a house 750 miles away and in 1923, they moved their family to Chicago's Bronzeville neighborhood, about two miles away from Armour Institute, the institute that would be reborn as Illinois Institute of Technology in 1940.

There, the Durham children did exactly what their mother hoped they would. They went to school. Caldwell graduated from DuSable High School in 1939 and from Woodrow Wilson Junior College in the spring of 1941. That December, the United States entered World War II.

Caldwell knew that if he was drafted, he'd have little control over where or how he was deployed. He heard about a U.S. Army Air Force airborne training program which would train volunteers to work on aviation electronics. Durham volunteered and was accepted to the training program, assigned to a segregated unit of Black soldiers. Caldwell excelled and his training laid the foundation for the rest of his career.

After the war, Caldwell used his engineering training to get a job working for Western Electric, as a "wireman," building and installing hardware for telephone stations. He was the only Black wireman working for Western Electric, establishing a pattern that he would repeat throughout his career.

In the late 1940s, one of Caldwell's colleagues mentioned that he was thinking about quitting his job at Western Electric to go back to school. Caldwell thought that with his academic and professional background and the financial support of the GI Bill, he might be able to do the same. In 1949, he took a class at the university only a couple of miles from his family's home—Illinois Institute of Technology.

There, Caldwell engaged his remarkable capacity as an engineer and excelled. An IIT professor encouraged Caldwell to apply to attend IIT as a full-time student, so he did. A few months later, he was admitted to Illinois Tech, where he earned a bachelor of science in electrical engineering and again, he excelled.

As graduation approached in 1951, Caldwell found little success finding a job in the Midwest, as few firms at the time had an interest in hiring a Black engineer. One of his professors at IIT suggested he look for a job on the west coast, so Caldwell applied for a job at Lockheed in California.

In June 1951, Caldwell Durham moved across the country in pursuit of greater opportunity, this time with his own family.

The Durhams settled in L.A. and Caldwell quickly earned the respect of his colleagues. Caldwell spent the next ten years working for Lockheed, beginning his aerospace career in

earnest, designing and testing airplane instrumentation for the U-2 Spy Plane, first-generation jet aircrafts like the F-94C Starfire Interceptor, and the iconic L-1049 Super Constellation.

In 1961, Caldwell attended a conference where he ran into Okamoto, one of his former Lockheed colleagues, who had since gone to work for Space Technology Laboratories (STL). Okamoto persuaded his manager to interview Caldwell for a job in his office.

Caldwell spent the rest of his career at STL, which later came to be known as TRW. There, he worked in the Ballistic Missile Flight test Instrumentation section, participating in the specification and development of instrumentation systems for several ballistic missiles. Over a period of 28 years he truly became a rocket scientist. In 1978, he became head of the Instrumentation Section. He was the only black section manager in TRW's Missile Program Office. In 1989, he retired with honors and commendations.

Success like Caldwell's isn't a foregone conclusion for anyone. But his parents likely wouldn't be surprised. Chaney Durham knew that all of her children had potential and she did everything she could to give them the chance to express it. She knew that the best way to give her children this gift was through access to education.

Because of his education, Caldwell was able to compete for opportunities that others like him had rarely been allowed to pursue before. And because of his talent and determination, he enjoyed a successful career. He and Burnette also committed themselves to passing on the lesson of the power of an education to their own children. Today, all three of Caldwell's children achieved post-graduate degrees, and he counts lawyers, doctors and a news anchor among his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

This legacy of excellence began almost one hundred years ago, all because one family made the decision to prioritize access to education over their own comfort. Because of that, the descendants of Chaney and Curtis Durham, now five generations strong, have what Chaney always dreamed of: a chance at a better life through the power of education.

Caldwell's 100th birthday was September 12, 2021. He likes to say he's lived a charmed life. So, what is his secret? "You know, I don't know," he says with a laugh, "I think exercise is part of the equation."

COMMEMORATING SANTA CLARA CITY LIBRARIAN PATTY WONG

HON. RO KHANNA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 21, 2021

Mr. KHANNA. Madam Speaker, today I rise to congratulate my constituent, Patty Wong, on becoming the first Asian American librarian to serve as the President of the American Library Association—an organization dedicated to improving learning opportunities and information across the country.

I am grateful for Ms. Wong's service in my district as the City Librarian for the Santa Clara Public Library. She has dedicated her 37-year career to improving our communities by serving as an award-winning librarian in in-

stitutions throughout California, and also as a part-time faculty member educating hundreds of undergraduates at San Jose State University.

From serving as a school librarian, children's librarian, and a special librarian in places including Stockton-San Joaquin County Public Library, Oakland Public Library and Berkeley Public Library, she has used every opportunity she could find to pour her heart and soul into community service. Her work on equity and diversity, youth development, fundraising, and creating collaborations between libraries and community agencies are inspiring to us all.

In each of her roles, Ms. Wong has stood out as a leader who is dedicated to making the world a better place. When the pandemic struck, Ms. Wong spearheaded efforts to support weekly food distribution programs, hosted COVID-19 testing at libraries, and partnered with Stanford Blood Mobile to collect blood donations. Our community owes her a debt of gratitude for this selfless work.

Ms. Wong is exceptional in her history of working in libraries and her passion for community service. I am delighted to see her extraordinary talents in this new role recognized as the new President of the American Library Association. I wish her the best of luck on this exciting new endeavor.

HONORING BARB FULLER AS IOWAN OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 21, 2021

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Barb Fuller of Corning, Iowa, as Iowan of the Week.

This week we recognize National 4-H Week. As a former 4-H'er myself, I have the utmost respect and gratitude for the individuals who devote their time and expertise to helping kids around our country grow and realize their own potential. In Iowa, 4-H has a deeply rooted commitment to the growth and development of kids across our great State. For decades, Barb Fuller has dedicated her time and passions to the Adams County 4-H.

Barb has been involved with 4-H for practically her entire life. She participated in the organization when she was a kid with the Colfax Cloverettes of Boone County, and the organization's impact on her inspired her to take on more expansive roles within 4-H, especially after her daughter started participating in the organization. Barb became a leader in the Adams County 4-H for roughly 15 years after her daughter joined, leading her daughter's 4-H group, the Jasper Specialists.

Barb has impacted many of the 4-H'ers during her time with the organization, always making sure anyone who wanted to participate was able to have the opportunity to do so. Barb has been dedicated to helping kids in her community grow, and she thoroughly enjoys having the opportunity to guide kids through different projects and tasks. What has impacted Barb the most throughout her time with 4-H has always been the ability to watch kids learn, grow, and gain more self-confidence through the projects and activities they're able

to get involved with. One of the activities that Barb coordinated was the Adams County 4-H Shooting Sports, where she acted as a rifle instructor with her husband, Dave. The couple taught those involved in the program how to handle firearms safely and securely, and they watched 4-H'ers compete at different events at various levels.

Recently, Barb was inducted into the Adams County 4-H Hall of Fame for her decades of service with the organization. Barb's passion for 4-H, along with her years of instruction, has left a mark on generations of 4-H'ers, and it reminds me of the wonderful memories I have of interacting with my leaders and instructors when I was a 4-H'er. Barb's service to her community is commendable, and it's why I am honored to name Barb Fuller as our Iowan of the Week.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
DEPUTY RUSSELL F. ROARK

HON. RALPH NORMAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 21, 2021

Mr. NORMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Deputy Russell F. Roark, a beloved community leader and former Police Chief for the City of York.

Deputy Roark has dedicated over fifty years to protecting our community. He began his career in public service as a city fireman in 1962. The following year, he started working as a police officer. By April of 1983, he became the Police Chief for the Union Public Safety Department. Throughout his twenty years of unparalleled leadership and service as Police Chief, Roark trained, mentored, and encouraged countless individuals who have entered the law enforcement profession. Other officers described his advice as "priceless." In 2003, Russell retired as Police Chief. Instead of relaxing and enjoying retirement, Russell continued to serve his community and immediately went to work for the Union County Sheriffs Office as a process server.

Described by his colleagues as dependable, hard-working, and compassionate, Deputy Roark always gives more than 100 percent to his job. As explained by a dear friend, "vacation and sick leave are not in his vocabulary." Even on his days off, Deputy Roark would show up at work to paint the patrol office and spend holidays delivering gifts to individuals in nursing homes.

He has exceeded expectations in service to our state, highlighted by his receipt of numerous awards and accolades. For example, Deputy Roark has been honored with the Union County Cornerstone Award and was named the 2009 Union County Sheriff Office Deputy of the Year. He has earned the respect of law enforcement and citizens all over the state. Most everyone in Union County still fondly refers to him as "Chief" because of his decades of selfless service to the community.

The career of Deputy Roark is a testament to all the good our men and women in blue do for our communities. A true servant-leader, he has created a legacy of progress and success. On behalf of the 5th District of South Carolina, I thank Deputy Roark for his continued service and wish him all the best in his future endeavors. Union County has truly been blessed to

have him as a community guardian throughout the last half century.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR.
JERRY NALIPINSKI

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 21, 2021

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Jerry Nalipinski who died on October 14, 2021 at the age of 91. Jerry was a decorated veteran of the Korean War and a long-time leader and advocate for Minnesota veterans and residents of the East Metro Twin Cities region where he lived.

I first met Jerry when I served on the City Council of North Saint Paul and as a member of the VFW Post 1350 Auxiliary in the late 1980s. He immediately impressed me as a go-to leader and doer on behalf of veterans and the broader community. His passing is a loss that is felt deeply throughout the Minnesota veteran community.

After graduating from Johnson High School in Saint Paul, Jerry served with the 31st Regiment, Seventh Division, U.S. Army in Korea as a communication officer, arriving in Incheon Harbor on a troop ship. He served with the American-led, United Nations forces from Canada, Turkey and the other 20 coalition members. Commanders ordered Jerry's rifle company to the front lines shortly after arriving in theater, and he sustained injuries during the battle of Pork Chop Hill for which he was awarded a Purple Heart. He was awarded a second Purple Heart and a Bronze Star during his subsequent service in Korea.

Upon his return to Minnesota, Jerry utilized the GI Bill to continue his academic studies. He went to work for Winzen Research, Inc., an aerospace pioneer that created high-altitude balloons in the 1950s and 1960s that were used by the United States Navy in its Projects Helios, Skyhook, and Strato-Lab, that set the altitude record for manned balloon flights. He later worked at Northwestern Bell for many years before retiring.

Jerry made a life-long commitment to serving veterans and others. He served as chair of the Minnesota Korean War Veterans Chapter 1 and led creation and completion of the Minnesota Korean War Memorial. Located on the grounds of the State Capitol, the memorial pays tribute to the 738 Minnesotans who lost their lives and honors all 94,646 from our state who served in the war.

Service defined Jerry's life, as well as that of his beloved late wife Marilyn, who worked tirelessly along his side until her death in 2013. A member of the Arthur O. Haukland VFW Post 1350 in North Saint Paul, Minnesota, Jerry went above and beyond to serve veterans and their families, working to connect veterans of all eras and to serve the broader community.

He served in multiple leadership roles, including chair of the scholarship committee and as chaplain. Jerry led a recent Post effort to ensure that all veterans' graves at Saint Mary's Cemetery were located and identified. Each Memorial Day he organized the volunteers that marked each grave with a flag or marker.

Additionally, he was chair of the Ramsey United Veterans Council and vice president of the Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 5. His efforts included ensuring each family of a deceased veteran received an American flag in a presentation case crafted by residents of the Hastings Veterans Home. Often, he took time to deliver each of these flags personally.

Few people who are as selfless as Jerry was, and through his commitment to service, vision and stewardship, our state and our community is much better off. It was a privilege to work with Jerry, and especially to call him a friend. My sincere condolences are with his beloved family, his fellow veterans and many friends. Madam Speaker, please join me in tribute to Jerry Nalipinski for his remarkable life of service to our Nation and our community.

REMEMBERING DWIGHT BOYD

HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 21, 2021

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and remember Dwight Boyd, a son of Louisiana, who transitioned to his eternal heavenly rest late night on Saturday, October 16, 2021.

He was at peace in his final moments beside his loving families.

He was 65 years old.

As the oldest of six, Dwight's family was always at the center of his world.

His brother Glynn Boyd, one of my dearest friends, looked up to his older brother and recounted many stories from his life.

He shared how Dwight was the first to get a part-time job at Winn-Dixie, and that even as a young man, Dwight always made sure to give all his siblings gifts during the holidays.

Friends remember him graciously blessing them through his angelic voice when singing at church, in weddings, or at the 50-yard line during a high school football game.

Dwight, known by childhood friends as earning the title of Mr. Higgins High School, shined a light on everyone he encountered.

He loved the New Orleans Saints, celebrating Christmas with family, music, and politics.

He made lifelong friends that described him as being the pillar of the community.

My thoughts are with Dwight's loving family, friends, and neighbors as they reel with this loss.

Rest easy, and may God bless his memory.

RECOGNIZING PLANO COMMUNITY
FORUM ON THEIR 40TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 21, 2021

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to recognize Plano Community Forum as they celebrate 40 years of outstanding service to the community. Founded on December 10, 1981 by Ken Chestnut, Fred Moses, Al Schexnayder, and Cecil Starks, the Forum

was created to support the involvement and achievements of African Americans in Plano.

For four decades, the multi-ethnic and multi-cultural Plano Community Forum has provided a voice for the people of Plano and its members have become known as valued and respected leaders. The heart of the organization is community involvement which has created opportunities for people to connect with local food pantries and programs that assist with transitional living and homeless youth.

In recognition of scholarship recipients and to honor the service of local educators, business owners, and community leaders, the Forum hosts an Annual Gala and Awards Program. The proceeds from the event allow the organization to continue providing scholarships and other opportunities to support future generations. Since 1983, the non-profit organization has awarded more than \$300,000 in scholarships.

Further, through expression contests, bootcamps, and the sponsorship of events such as the Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Weekend, the Plano Community Forum has supported cultural enrichment for the community.

Now as we recognize the Plano Community Forum on their milestone anniversary, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring their selfless acts of service and wish them great success in all their future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEPHANIE N. MURPHY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 21, 2021

Mrs. MURPHY of Florida. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on Roll Call 319 on October 20, 2021. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 319.

IN RECOGNITION OF CLARA BELLE HUNTER DOUTLY

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 21, 2021

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions of Ms. Clara Doutly, a resident of Michigan's 13th Congressional District and one of our country's "Rosie the Riveters," as she celebrates her one hundredth birthday.

Ms. Doutly was raised in Detroit, as the youngest of six siblings and attended Cass Technical High School. At nineteen years old, she began working at Briggs Manufacturing, where she helped produced parts and riveting components for B-24 and B-29 bombers for World War II. Ms. Doutly was one of among 300,000 other women who worked as riveters, assembling warplanes across Michigan during the 1940s. Clara Doutly, Detroit's own "Rosie the Riveter," contributed to our country to victory and became an icon of women's empowerment and strength.

We owe our gratitude to Clara Doutly and the countless other Michigan women who stepped up to serve as the critical workforce

and labor our country needed. Even now, Ms. Doutly continues to show up for her community and others through her many years of service work at the St. Patrick's Senior Center in the 13th Congressional District. Ms. Clara Doutly is a true example of Detroit's strength, resiliency, and power of its people. We recognize Ms. Doutly and all of our "Rosie the Riveters" across our state and country for breaking down barriers to women in the workforce and for their contributions to our history.

Please join me in wishing Detroit's Rosie the Riveter, Ms. Clara Hunter Doutly, a happy one hundredth birthday as we recognize her contributions to our country and to our community in the 13th Congressional District.

REMEMBERING MP SIR DAVID AMESS

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 21, 2021

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I would like to express my condolences to the family of MP Sir David Amess. As a member of Parliament, Sir Amess dedicated himself to his constituents and their concerns, often holding meetings with them on Fridays and was popular among his colleagues.

People who knew him described him as very approachable, who had a passion for animal welfare and pro-life issues. In the House of Commons, Amess was a loyal supporter first of his heroine, Margaret Thatcher, then successive leaders after her except where Brexit came into play.

Our office is especially appreciative of his service as Chief of Staff Jonathan Day worked with Sir Amess in London.

Much of his career was spent on committees and on campaigns to improve the health treatment for people with arthritis, asthma, and other conditions. Over the last three years he supported improved treatment for endometriosis, a cause he took up after meeting a constituent, and he recently supported a plan to erect a memorial to Vera Lynn on the white cliffs of Dover. He was knighted in 2015.

He is survived by his wife, Julia Arnold, and five children.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 21, 2021

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed a vote. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 319.

CELEBRATING TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MEMORIAL

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 21, 2021

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise to mark the 10th anniversary of the dedication

of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial on the Tidal Basin, between the Jefferson and Lincoln Memorials.

The location of this Memorial, the only memorial on the Mall dedicated to a person not an office holder or employed by the United States, is especially fitting, situated as it is between the author of the Declaration of Independence, which contained the audacious boast that "we hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal and born with certain inalienable rights," and the greatest of all American presidents, the Great Emancipator Abraham Lincoln, who understood that this nation could not survive "half slave and half free" and preserved the Union through the great contest, testing whether this nation, or any nation, can long endure."

Dr. Martin Luther King was a dreamer but he was not just an idle daydreamer; he had an active faith that led him to share his vision of the beloved community where equal justice and institutions were facts of life.

When Jefferson wrote he Declaration of Independence in 1776, declaring "that all Men are Created Equal," it was equally true that at that time and for centuries to come, African-Americans were historically, culturally, and legally excluded from inclusion in that declaration.

Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" Speech, delivered 50 years ago, on August 28, 1963, was a clarion call to each citizen of this great nation that we still hear today.

The request was simply and eloquently conveyed—he asked America to allow of its citizens to live out the words written in its Declaration of Independence and to have a place in this nation's Bill of Rights.

The 1960s were a time of great crisis, conflict, and promise.

The dreams of the people of this country were filled with troubling images that arose like lava from the nightmares of violence and the crises they had to face, both domestically and internationally.

It was the decade of the Cuban Missile Crisis, the Vietnam War, and the assassinations of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, Malcolm X, Presidential Candidate Robert Kennedy, and the man in whose honor the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial is dedicated.

Dr. Martin Luther King's dream helped us turn the corner on civil rights.

It started with a peaceful march for suffrage that started in Selma, Alabama on March 7, 1965—a march that ended with violence at the hands of law enforcement officers as the marchers crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge.

But the dream did not die there.

Dr. King led the Montgomery Bus Boycott, often with Rosa Parks, a boycott that lasted for 381 days, and ended when the United States Supreme Court outlawed as unconstitutional racial segregation on all public transportation.

Dr. King used several nonviolent tactics to protest against Jim Crow Laws in the South and he organized and led demonstrations for desegregation, labor and voting rights.

When the life of Dr. Martin Luther King was stolen from us, he was a very young 39 years old.

People remember that Dr. King died in Memphis, but few can remember why he was there.

On that fateful day in 1968 Dr. King came to Memphis to support a strike by the city's sanitation workers.

The garbage men there had recently formed a chapter of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees to demand better wages and working conditions.

But the city refused to recognize their union, and when the 1,300 employees walked off their jobs the police broke up the rally with mace and billy clubs.

It was then that union leaders invited Dr. King to Memphis.

Despite the danger he might face entering such a volatile situation, it was an invitation he could not refuse.

Not because he longed for danger, but because the labor movement was intertwined with the civil rights movement for which he had given up so many years of his life.

The death of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., will never overshadow his life; that is his legacy as a dreamer and a man of action.

It is a legacy of hope, tempered with peace; it is a legacy not quite yet fulfilled.

I hope that Dr. King's vision of equality under the law is never lost to us, who in the present, toil in times of unevenness in our equality.

For without that vision—without that dream—we can never continue to improve on the human condition.

For those who have already forgotten, or whose vision is already clouded with the fog of complacency, I would like to recite the immortal words of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.:

"I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and

the sons of former shareholders will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day even the State of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of injustice, sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but for the content of their character.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day down in Alabama with its vicious racists, with its Governor having his lips dripping with words of interposition and nullification—one day right there in Alabama, little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough place will be made plain and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together."

Dr. King's dream did not stop at racial equality, his ultimate dream was one of human equality and dignity.

There is no doubt that Dr. King supported freedom and justice for every individual in America and he was in midst of planning the 1968 Poor People's Campaign for Jobs and Justice when he was struck down by the dark deed of an assassin on April 4, 1968.

Therefore, it is for us, the living, to continue that fight today and forever, in the great spirit that inspired the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

In his 1837 Lyceum Address titled "The Perpetuation of Our Political Institutions," Abraham Lincoln warned that mobs or people who disrespected U.S. laws and courts would always pose the most dangerous threat to the perpetuation of United States:

"All the armies of Europe and Asia . . . could not by force take a drink from the Ohio River or make a track on the Blue Ridge in the trial of a thousand years. No, if destruction be our lot, we must ourselves be its author and finisher."

But Lincoln advised us of the best defense against domestic threats and attacks on our democracy: public reverence for the Constitution and rule of law as "the political religion of our nation."

Madam Speaker, democracy in America is not an act, it is an activity; it is never finished or complete but always in the process of making our union more perfect; and the nation will always be confronted with challenge of confirming the proposition that this nation, or any nation conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all are created equal can long endure.

Since the assassination of President Lincoln, who extended malice toward but charity for all, no one understood this better than the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

That is why he is one of the greatest Americans to have graced our Nation.

That is why he is so worthy of the national honor of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial.